

REMARKS

With regard to the requirement for election which is the only point raised in the Official Action, applicant hereby provisionally elects for examination purposes claim 1. With respect to the species of the chemical or bio-katalytic transformation, applicant elects claim 2 directed to disulfide bond cleavage by reducing oxidizing agents. With respect to any species of claim 3, applicant elects thiols. With respect to claim 7, applicant elects enzymes. With respect to claim 8, applicant elects the matrix assisted laser desorption ionization (MALDI) from claim 9. With respect to claim 10, applicant elects the liquid chromatography (LC) of claim 11.

Applicant's election is made without traverse. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, provided that all claims to all additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

It is noted that each named inventor of the subject matter of the instant application contributed at least to one of the claims presently on file.

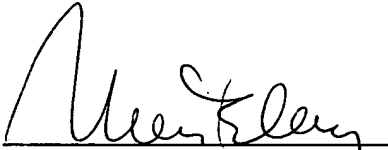
With regard to claim 1, constituting the other species, applicant does not waive any of his rights therefor or abandon such subject matter.

Since applicant has fully and completely responded to the Official Action and has made the required election, this application is now in order for early action at least on the merits of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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